

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: CARBON FIBER NONWOVEN FABRIC, AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE
THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated June 23, 2009. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1 and 3-15, which are drawn to a nonwoven fabric of carbon fibers with diameters ranging from 0.01 to 1 micron. (Please also note that claim 2 was canceled by the Preliminary Amendment filed May 9, 2006.)

This election is made with traverse for the following reasons.

“Chen” (U.S. Patent 6,495,258) discloses a composite comprising a nonwoven network of fibers such as metal fibers and carbon nanotubes deposited on said fibers. See Abstract of Chen.